



Mysteries without Murder for Middle Schoolers



39 clues series

J Ser Thi

When their beloved Aunt Grace dies, Dan, 11, and Amy, 14 along with other Cahill descendants—are faced with an unusual choice: inherit one million dollars or participate in a perilous treasure hunt



Enola Holmes series

J Ser Eno

Sherlock's younger sister, Enola starts her own detective agency in London, complete with costumes and circumventions to hide her age.



The Postcard by Abbot

J F Abb

When Jason's grandmother dies, he goes to help his father clean out her things. At first he gripes about spending his summer miles away from his best friend, Jason discovers a mystery surrounding his grandmother's past.



Game of Sunken Places by Anderson

J F And

When Gregory's Uncle Max invites him and a guest to stay at his mansion, he chooses his best friend to accompany him. The mysterious mansion begs them to explore its rooms and acres of backyard. They stumble upon a board game and are sucked into an alternate reality where their surroundings are transformed into props and game pieces.



The Calder Game & Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

J Ser Cha

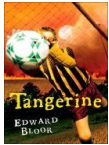
Three seventh graders go with their class to an exhibit of Alexander Calder's mobiles at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. Both the boy and the sculpture disappear on the same night.



The Red Blazer Girls by Michael D. Beil

J Ser Red

Mayhem and mystery follows as the girls attempt to uncover the truth.



***Tangerine* by Edward Bloor**

YA F Blo

Living in surreal Tangerine County, Fla., a legally blind boy begins to uncover the ugly truth about his football-hero brother.



***Masterpiece and Shakespeare's Secret* by Broach**

J F Bro

When Marvin and James find themselves embroiled in a plot to steal a Dürer drawing from the Metropolitan Museum, they must find creative ways to communicate to foil the thieves and protect the masterpiece.



***The Year we Disappeared* by Cylin Busby and John Busby**

YA B Bus

Cylin's biggest worry was avoiding her grumpy neighbor. Then her family's life changed forever when her father, a Cape Cod policeman, was shot on his drive to work John was convinced he knew his attacker's identity, the Busby family was given 24-hour protection during the long experimental effort to reconstruct John's face.



***Being Nikki* by Meg Cabot**

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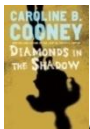
Nikki Howard has the life most girls only dream of—she is a drop-dead gorgeous supermodel. However, it isn't actually Nikki Howard who's enjoying it all. Emerson Watts' brain is in her body due to an accident that left the real Nikki brain dead and Em suffering a fatal accident at the Stark Megastore for which Nikki is the advertising face.



***Skeleton Creek* by Patrick Carman**

J Ser Ske

Ryan McCray and Sarah Fincher wonder how Skeleton Creek, OR, received its name. Research takes them on a nighttime expedition to a mechanical dredge. The teens think the dredge is haunted by Joe Bush, a miner.



***Diamonds in the Shadow* by Caroline B. Cooney**

YA F Co

When the Finches take in a church-sponsored refugee family from war-torn Sierra Leone, teenage Jared is annoyed that he has to share his room with Mattu, who is his age. Mopsy, however, is thrilled to embrace Alake and wants to turn her into a "best" friend. Alake doesn't talk, barely eats, and is plagued by nightmares.



***The Face on the Milk Carton*, by Caroline Cooney**

YA Ser Jan

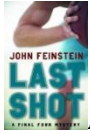
The picture of a missing child printed on a milk carton attracts the attention of 15-year-old Jane Johnson. A glimpse of the girl's polka-dot dress causes memories to surface.



***The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd**

J F Dow

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.



***Last Shot, Cover Up, and Vanishing Act* by John Feinstein**

YA F Fei

After winning a basketball reporting contest, 8th graders Stevie and Susan are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.



***Eleven* by Patricia Reilly Giff**

J F Gif

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past.



***Paper Towns* by John Green**

YA F Gre

One month before graduating from, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears



***Shadow Children series*, Margaret Peterson Haddix**

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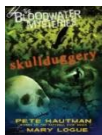
In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his life in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.



***Blood Brothers* by S.A. Harazin**

YA F Har

With his best friend on life-support after taking drugs at a party, seventeen-year-old Clay, recalls their long friendship, future plans, and recent disagreement, and tries to figure out who is responsible for the accidental overdose.



***Bloodwater Mysteries*" by Pete Hautman**

J Ser Blo

During a field trip in the local woods, Roni and Brian find the local archaeology professor, Andrew Dart, knocked unconscious in a cave, which leads them to investigate a land development scheme.



***Scat* , Carl Hiaasen**

J F Hai

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing



***Sure Fire* by Jack Higgins**

Ya Ser Ric

Resentful of having to go and live with their father after the death of their mother, fifteen-year-old twins, Rich & Jade, soon find they have more problems when their father is kidnapped .



***Stolen Children* by Kehret, Peg**

J F Keh

Fourteen-year-old Amy's excitement over her first babysitting job ends when she and her three-year-old charge are kidnapped, but a daily videorecording sent to little Kendra's parents allows Amy to send clues, in hopes of being rescued.



***Silent to the Bone* by E.L. Koningsburg**

J F Kon

When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.



***Wrinkle in Time* by L'engle**

J Newb Len

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.



***The White Darkness* by Geraldine McCaughrean**

YA F Mcc

Taken to Antarctica by the man she thinks of as her uncle for what she believes to be a vacation, Symone, discovers that he is obsessed with seeking Symme's Hole, an opening that supposedly leads into the center of a hollow Earth.



***Left for Dead* by Pete Nelson**

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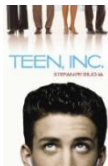
Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight fifty-five years later.



***The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson**

YA F Pea

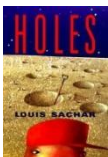
In the future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident learns a startling secret about her existence.



***Teen, Inc* by Stefan Petrucha**

YA F Pet

Fourteen-year-old Jaiden has been raised by NECorp since his parents were killed, so when he discovers that the corporation has been lying about producing illegal levels of mercury emissions, he and his two friends decide to try to do something about it.



***Holes* by Louis Sachar**

J F Sac

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and himself.



***The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick**

J Cal Sel

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.



***Mysteries in our National Parks* by G. Skurzynski & A. Ferguson**

J Ser Mys

While at St. John National Park in the Virgin Islands for a seminar on coral reefs, the Landons help a wealthy thirteen-year-old to find his birth mother, who he believes is in danger.



***When You Reach Me and First Light* by Stead**

J Newb Ste

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a New York City girl tries to make sense of mysterious notes from an anonymous source that seem to defy the laws of time and space,



***The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Stewart**

J Ser Mys

Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance, all graduates of the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened and members of the Benedict Society, embark on a scavenger hunt that turns into a desperate search for the missing Mr. Benedict.



***The Thief* by Turner, Megan W**

J F Tur

Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.



***Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown & Colonial Maryland* by Sally Walker J 614.17 WAL**

Join author Sally M. Walker as she works alongside scientists investigating colonial-era graves near Jamestown, Virginia: a teenage boy, a ship's captain, an indentured servant, a colonial official and his family, and an enslaved African girl. All are reaching beyond the grave to tell us their stories, which are written in bone.



***Sammy Keyes* by Wendelin Van Draanen**

J Ser Sam

Seventh-grade sleuth Sammy Keyes investigates mysterious happenings at a local art gallery.



***Double Helix* by Werlin**

YA F Wer

Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering.